



The Newsletter of the High Country, Tolland Massachusetts

The Tolland Tattler

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A Reminder from the Board of Selectmen....

WINTER PARKING BAN BY-LAW

- A. The Board of selectmen, or its designees, may declare a winter parking ban on all ways within the town during the period beginning November 1 through April 30 for the purposes of snow and ice removal.
- B. No motor vehicle shall be parked on any way within the town during the winter parking ban.
- C. The Chief of Police and/or the Superintendent of Public Works or their designee may remove or cause to be removed any motor vehicle parked in violation of the winter parking ban.
- D. The owner or operator of a motor vehicle parked on a town way during a winter parking ban, in violation of this by-law, shall pay a FIFTY DOLLAR (50.00) fine to the Town of Tolland.
- E. The owner or operator a motor vehicle which is removed pursuant to this by-law shall be subject to an additional fine in the amount of FIFTY DOLLARS(50.00) and shall be fully responsible for all charges and expenses incurred for removal and storage of such motor vehicle.

SNOW REMOVAL BY-LAW

No person, other than an employee in the service of the Commonwealth or the Town of Tolland, or an employee in the service of an independent contractor acting for the Commonwealth or the Town of Tolland, shall pile, push or plow snow or ice into town roads so as to impede the flow of traffic on such way.

Whoever violates this by-law shall be punished by a fine of not more than one hundred fifty (\$150.00) dollars.

From The Desk of The Selectmen

Dear Residents,

Another year has drawn to a close and we have seen some changes in our town. We appreciate the co-operation of all the town residents and their suggestions for making the town a better place in which to live.

We would like to wish Brad Burrall the best of luck in his retirement after 20 years of service to the Town of Tolland. He has done an admirable job in taking care of our roadways and we will miss him. Thank you from all who have used our roads over the past 20 years.

There are several new things happening in town. In February the town will start its new bag dump system. The bags are on order and will be available at the Town Hall, The High Country General Store and the Wildwood office. The bags are of two types... tall kitchen bags costing \$7.00 for 10 bags and 33-gallon bags costing \$14.00 for 10 bags. These bags will be the only type of disposal bags allowed to be discarded in the trash compactor. Remember that there is no charge to dispose of recyclables, so to save money do not put them in the town garbage bags. It will be necessary to purchase a new dump sticker and these are available at the Town Hall as of January 1st.

The Town of Tolland will also have a privately funded Town Web Site which will be operational in the first quarter of 2004. It will feature town news items and include the "Tattler" on line. The extensive work necessary to put this site on line was done by Gloria Gery, and we appreciate her efforts in the start up of our web site.

As of January 1st, the town will be without a Highway Superintendent. We are actively advertising to fill this position. In the meantime Wayne Carr is acting Highway Superintendent. Wayne has done a great job with our roads during the last couple of storms. We hope that everyone will co-operate with him and be sure to see the winter road rules in this months Tattler.

We hope that everyone has a happy and prosperous New Year.

Thinking of buying or selling a house or land?

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Bob Rahn
Park Square Realty
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bobrahn@bobrahn.com

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I have buyers now for homes and land in Tolland. Please visit my website at
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Southwick, Granville, Tolland Community Partnership

The Southwick, Granville and Tolland Community Partnership Membership is pleased to announce that Lisa Whitehead, Owner of Tiny Toes Childcare of Southwick was recently awarded her Child Development Associate Renewal Credentials from the National Credentialing Program, Washington, D.C.

Ms Whitehead has operated Tiny Toes Childcare for eight years and has been an active member of the Community Partnership for six years. The Southwick, Granville and Tolland Community Partnership is funded through a Massachusetts Dept. of Education grant that offers preschool child care subsidies to working families in our communities and assists with placement in state licensed and federally accredited programs like Tiny Toes Childcare. For more information on Community Partnership you may call 562-0586 ext. 18.

Scenes of Sandisfield Calendars available

The 2004 Scenes of Sandisfield Calendars are currently being sold for \$14 (includes shipping) with all proceeds going to the Sandisfield Arts Center. Sandisfield resident, Richard Migot, photographed such landmarks as the New Boston Church, the Silver Brook Café, and Snow Farm. Also featured are scenic landscapes including an old cemetery filled with purple creeping phlox, trees glazed with ice, a local apple orchard and horse stable.

Sandisfield is located about 25 minutes east of Great Barrington and is known for its scenic beauty. The Sandisfield Arts Center is housed in a historic 1839 building which was once a Baptist Church and orthodox synagogue. Currently undergoing extensive renovations, the arts center is now used for cultural programs and is recognized for its superb acoustics and small-town charm.

The calendars are printed in full color on high quality, glossy paper. There are 14 photos which can be viewed at www.sandisfieldartscenter.org

To purchase a calendar, *call (413) 258-4904*.

Highway Superintendent - Job Opening

The Tolland Board of Selectmen will be accepting applications to fill the vacancy of Highway Superintendent for the Town of Tolland.

Basic Duties

Responsible for and performs a variety of public duties including: winter road maintenance and road repair, maintenance of town buildings and cemeteries, motorized auxiliary equipment repair and maintenance, administrative and procurement activities, supervision of transfer station personnel and other similar responsibilities and duties necessary to the functioning of the Public Works Department.

- Must possess a CDL and Hoisting Engineer's License.
- Starting annual salary \$39,450.00
- Applications and job description available at the Town Hall.
- Deadline for submission of application is December 31, 2003.

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Tolland Council on Aging

NEW TOLLAND COA CHAIRPERSON

Gertrude McKay is the new Tolland Council on Aging Chairperson since Joe Shoplack retired. Thanks, Joe, for a very successful two-year tenure. Also, Kim Joyce is a new member on the Council on Aging. Thanks for volunteering, both Gert and Kim!

The COA had 33 people at its flu Shot Clinic in November. Stay tuned for future events to be publicized in the Tolland Tattler. Elethea Goodkin, the Regional COA Coordinator for Tolland, can be contacted at 413 562-1095.

BROWN BAG FOOD PROGRAM

The Food Bank of Western Mass. of Hadley administers the Brown Bag Program which provides a bag of staple groceries once a month to income-eligible seniors 60 years of age and older. Locally, Marion Hawley of Granville is the Brown Bag Coordinator, and with other volunteers packs the food into individual bags so it can be picked up by participants at her house in Granville on the 2nd saturday of every month. for more information and applications, call the food Bank at 413 247-9738 or Marion Hawley at 413 357-8564. The completed application is sent directly to the Food Bank in Hadley. In the future, if enough people in Tolland join the Brown Bag Program, it might be possible to have the bags brought to the Tolland Town Hall for pickup.

SHINE CONTACT NUMBER

Marilyn Riddle of Granville is the SHINE (Serving the Health Information Needs of Elders) Coordinator in this region. She is available to confer with seniors by telephone about health insurance and other health information matters at 413-357-6121 and will visit seniors who are housebound. Call this number and leave a message and Marilyn will call you back shortly.

Fire Department News

The season for burning brush begins on January 15 and closes on April 30. However, to obtain permission to burn brush you must contact the Fire Chief or his designee to obtain a permit.

- There is no charge for a permit.
- Permits will be issued on a daily basis.
- Brush piles may be inspected prior to issuance of a permit to burn.
- Building/household materials may not be burned.
- Brush piles should be placed for burning in a safe location, away from any structures, vehicles, etc.

To obtain a permit, please call the fire chief at 258-4251 one day prior to the intended burn. Permits may not be issued on the same day. Please be reminded that it is against state law to burn brush without a permit issued by the Fire Chief. Persons burning brush illegally may be prosecuted.

Tolland Weather



TOLLAND WEATHER

Prepared by Steve Strinie

Period: November 22, 2003 thru December 13, 2003 ,2003

Elevation: 1500 feet above sea level.

Temperature:	High - 58 degrees F. on Nov. 28 at 10:00pm Low - 7 degrees F. on Dec 3 at 12:00am
Humidity:	Maximum - 100% several times Minimum - 20% Dec. 2 at 12:00pm
Dewpoint:	Maximum - 58 degrees on Nov. 28 at 10:00pm Minimum - 0 degrees on Dec 2 at 1:00p m
Barometric Pressure:	Maximum - 30.44" on Dec. 3 at 10:00am Minimum - 29.16" on Nov. 29 at 1:00am
Wind Speed:	52 mph Northwest on Nov. 29 at 1:00pm
Wind Chill:	-30 degrees on Dec. 3 at 2:00am
Total Rain Fall	5.60 inches
Total Snowfall	25 inches as of Dec. 20, 2003

Comments: Thank you to Bob Ueberbacher and Henry Mulvaney for help with snowfall measurements. The weather station is on "Holiday Calibration" up at the factory in Bar Harbor and should be back up and running in January.

We will continue to take snowfall measurements... *Happy New Year!!!*



***Bob
Gaynor
PaintingCompany***

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Town Hall Offices Open Monday and
Tuesday from 8 - 4 pm

Town Clerk's and Assessor Clerk's hours:

10 am to 3pm and 6pm to 7pm
EVERY MONDAY

JANUARY 2004

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
NOTICE: Building Inspector Hours: Winter Building Inspector Hours by appointment only. Mondays 5-5:30pm. Please call 258-4590 to set appointment.				1	2	3 9 - 11:00 am DUMP
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DEADLINE: Copy and calendar events must be received by the 20th of each month. Items can be mailed to the Town Hall, dropped off at the Town Hall or by E-Mail to: jeanwillow@crocker.com

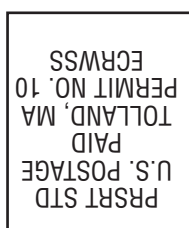
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to the Editor

Letters to the editor should be typed, signed, and received by the 20th of the month deadline for insertion in the following months newsletter.

Tolland Scenes Note Cards

Six different folded notecards and matching envelopes with written description on back of each

Available now

at the High Country Store. \$8:00 per package of six cards and envelopes.

Classified Advertising

Life Guard. Part time. Memorial Day to Labor Day. Private association pond beach. Light to moderate crowds. CPR, First Aid and Water Safety required. Must be willing to complete necessary training and certification prior to start of duties. Association will reimburse training and certification costs.

Wage commensurate with experience.

Please apply to Will Greene, WPOA Manager, 254 Beetle, Tolland, MA 01034.

Telephone (413) 258-4900

Yardwork. Need help with yardwork? I am a hardworking 13 year old boy looking for summer work. Willing to do: Raking - Weeding - Lawn Mowing, Gardening, etc.

Please call Tony at 258-0285

Also looking for lawnmowers, running or not. (Cheap).

NASCAR tickets. NASCAR Winston Cup Tickets for the New England 300 at New Hampshire International Speedway for Sunday July 20th, 2003 at 2:00pm. Tickets are \$95.00 ea. Turn Four Laconia Grandstand. Section T, Row 26, seat(s) 5 & 6. Please call Jack or Diane Alia @ 258-8184. Tickets must be paid in advance, cash or money order.

From The Desk of The Selectmen

After the enterprise fund was voted in for the transfer station we have had to solve the issue of making it self-sufficient. We looked into several options including weighing bags, stickers, selling bags and putting the cost back into the taxes. After gathering input from residents and analyzing several methods we found the "Pay As You Throw" bag system to be both effective and more convenient for all. This program would both fund the transfer station and encourage recycling.

The system will consist of a \$10 sticker fee and the choice of two different size bags labeled "Town of Tolland," which will be the only bags allowed in the compactor. The tall kitchen bags will cost \$7 for 10 bags and the large 33-gallon bags will cost \$14 for 10 bags. The cost of the bags and the sticker fee should level fund the cost of the transfer station and solve this issue.

To help fund the cost of the dump while in this transition period and insure only town residents have access to our facility we will be issuing a new sticker for a fee of \$10.00 on January 1st. The bags have been ordered and we are looking at a starting date of February 1, 2004. Residents may purchase the bags at the Town Hall, The High Country General Store, and the Wildwood office.

As this is a new system we ask that you have patience with the process of changing from the previous method. We realize that this may not be the perfect answer, therefore in six months the bag system will be reevaluated by the Selectmen. We would like to thank you for your support and welcome any questions or comments.